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Unit : 3617
 Examiner : Bellinger, Jason R.
 Applicant : Philip O. Gerard
 Appln. No. : 10/689,229
 Filing Date : October 20, 2003
 Confirmation No. : 4066
 For : WHEEL CLAD ASSEMBLY

Commissioner For Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Return Postcard and a Response (12 pgs) to the Office Action dated January 24, 2006. The items checked below are appropriate:

☒ Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$120.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

Any fee for additional claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

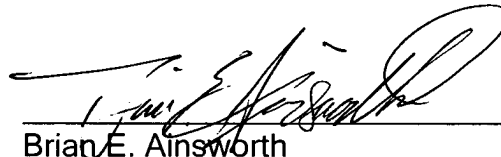
| | Col. 1 | | Col. 2 | Col. 3 | Small Entity | | Other Than A Small Entity | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Add'l Fee | Rate | Add'l Fee |
| Total Claims | 40 | Minus | 34 | = 6 | x \$25 | \$0.00 | x \$50 | \$300.00 |
| Independent Claims | 6 | Minus | 6 | = 0 | x \$100 | \$0.00 | x \$200 | \$0.00 |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims \$180 | | | | | | \$0.00 | x \$360 | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | | \$0.00 | | \$300.00 |

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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted or is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ A fee of \$300.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this response is enclosed.
- ☒ A fee of \$120.00 to cover Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$420.00 is enclosed to cover the above fees.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account 16 2463. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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